

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.

The Dwelling Houses of this City being lately numbered, from a Motive of Curiosity, by twelve careful Persons, who each undertook a Part; there were found as follows; viz.

In the South Suburbs	150
In Dock Ward	245
In Walnut Ward	104
In South Ward	117
In Chestnut Ward	110
In Middle Ward	238
In High-street Ward	147
In North Ward	196
In Mulberry Ward	488
In Upper Delaware Ward	109
In Lower Delaware Ward	110
In the North Suburbs	62

Total 2076

Places of Worship and other Public Buildings, Warehouses, Work-shops and other Out-houses, not reckoned.

It is but a few Years, even within the Memory of man, since this Country was a Wilderness,

*Inhabited by Beasts of Prey,
Or Men as fierce and wild as they:*

And the Ground plat of this flourishing City had not a House on it:—What an Alteration! What a vast Improvement have our old Men seen!—Absolute Princes by their Power have sometimes built great Cities in a short Time, and forc'd Inhabitants into them from the neighbouring Countries, who have abandon'd them as soon as that Power ceased: But a private Person has done this by his Wisdom; and has drawn Multitudes of People of various Nations, even out of the Inmost Parts of Europe; who abandon their native Soil (belov'd by all) undergo infinite fatigues and Hazards by Land and Sea, to get hither, and (like the Inhabitants of the *Elfan Fields*) never desire to return.—*Orpheus* is said, in old Poetic Fables, to have built a City by the Force of his Musick, the Soud of his Harp charming even the Trees and Stones to collect themselves together: But the sweetest of all Sounds is LIBERTY; and wholesome Laws with good Government make the most enchanting Harmony; Musick, which, like the last Trumpet, will be heard in the remotest Regions, and collect Mankind from the most distant Parts of the Globe.

ANNAPOLIS.

This Day Fortnight there happened a terrible Thunder-Gust, without much Rain, in St Mary's County, near the Head of Jewler's Creek; which instantly kill'd one *Thomas Rablin* and his Wife, as they were sitting under a Mulberry-Tree, on a Cyder Trough; there were under the same Tree one other Man, a Woman, and three Children, all which were struck down and hurt, some having their Cloaths burnt, except a little Infant at *Ratheg's* Wife's Breast, which was not hurt at all. There was a Harrow hanging on the Mulberry Tree; the Hoes of which were melted in several places by the Lightning.

On Friday last arrived here the Ship *Basil*, Capt. *John Simpson*, from *Whitcaven*; who in his Passage hither, on the 21st of May last, providentially met with the *Delaware*, Capt. *Milnerd*, bound for *Philadelphia*, in the utmost Distress, having sprung a Leak, and was just sinking. Capt. *Simpson* took in the Master, Crew, and Passengers, in all 36, amongst whom was Capt. *Hargrave*, and brought them in here. She was a very rich Ship, having a vast Quantity of valuable Goods on board.

A Petition having been presented to the Honourable House of Assembly, by many of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of *Cecil* County, setting forth, that their late Election for Representatives was unfair and illegal, and praying for a new one: The House took the Affair under their Consideration on Monday last, and after examining a great Number of Evidences pro and con, they yesterday declar'd the Election void, dismiss'd the return'd Members, and a Writ is out for a new Election in that County.

This Day his Excellency the Governor passed the Bill, *Enlarging the Time for receiving and paying the Public and County Taxes, Parochial Charges, Clergy Allowances, Attorneys and Officers Fees, for this present Year, into a Law.*

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,

Ship *Basil*, John Simpson, from *Whitcaven*;
Ship *Virginian*, Edward Bentley, from *Virginia*;
Ship *Falcon*, Thomas Spencer, from *Biddesford*;
Brigantine *Fanny*, Thomas Witheare, from *Bristol*.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

STolen or Strayed from *Annapolis*, on the 30th of May last, a young Chessut Sorrel Mare, branded on the near shoulder and Buttock I B with a small o over the I; she has a Blaz'd Face, a Navel-Gall on her Back, and is galled very much on the Shoulders with Drawing. Whoever will bring the said Mare to Mrs. *Minkie's* in *Annapolis*, shall have Ten Shillings Reward.

JACOB BULL.

June 2, 1749.

Messieurs *Flowerdite* and *Norton*, Merchants in *London*, having Charter'd the good Ship *Virginian*, of about 200 Tons, just arriv'd; she will load in *Patasco*, and take in Tobacco, consigned to those Gentlemen, at Seven Pounds Sterling per Ton.

JAMES WOOD.

Queen Anne's County, May 22.

A Woman that understands the Business of a Cook in a Gentleman's Family, and comes well recommended, may be inform'd of a very good Place, by enquiring of

MATTHEW DOCKERY.

RAN away from the Subscriber in *Annapolis*, on the 28th of May last, a Negro Fellow named *Cuffee*, of a yellowish Complexion, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, and speaks pretty good English: He had on when he went away a broad cloth Coat with broad metal Buttons, dark colour'd German Serge Breeches with metal Buttons, an Irish Linnen Shirt, a white Cap, and an old Beaver Hat: He took with him a small Bay Mare, and is supposed to be gone to *Piscataway*, where he has a Wife; and formerly lived with one Mr. *Lawrence*. Whoever takes up the said Negro, and brings him to Mr. *James Wardrop* at *Upper Marlborough*, or to me at *Annapolis*, shall have Thirty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows.

ROBERT WAIN.

January 21, 1748 b.

WHereas one *Thomas Chapman*, an Old Engand Man, born at *Derby*, and brought up at *London*, has been absent from his Friends near twenty Years, and is supposed to be in *New England*, if living. This is to inform the said *Thomas Chapman*, that by sendi g a Letter to his Brother *Francis Chapman*, now Master of *Shadwell* Charity School, near *London*, he may hear of something very much to his Advantage.

June 7, 1749.

WHereas *Unity*, the Wife of *Richard Norton*, of *Charles-Town*, in *Cecil* County, hath absented from her said Husband: This is therefore to forewarn all Persons not to trust her upon my Account, for I will pay no Debts by her contracted after the Date hereof.

RICHARD NORTON.

THere was Imported in June, 1748, from *London*, in the Ship *Eastern Branch*, belonging to Mr. *W. John Hanbury*, Merchant in *London*, Temple Chivalier I B Commander, a Cask of Sugar, marked as in the Margin; for which no Owner has as yet been found: This therefore is to give Notice, that the Person to whom it belongs, on making his Right appear, may know where to get his Sugar, by enquiring of the Printer hereof, and paying Charges.

To be SOLD, for Paper Money, good Bills of Exchange, or Inspected Tobacco, on board the Ship *Neptune*,

ASuit of Sloop's Sails, made of good new Duck, 34 Feet by the Mast, 36 Feet by the Boom, and 18 Feet by the Gaff.

AMBROSE JUDD.

May 30, 1749.

Supposed to be Lost at *Annapolis*, or at last *West River* Meeting, a long Green Purse, in which were various Pieces of Gold. Any Person who hath found the said Purse and Money, and will bring the same to the Subscriber's House in *Annapolis*, shall be suitably rewarded.

R. BURROWS.

N.B. To be Leased by the said *Burdus*, a convenient Dwelling, in *Annapolis*, on reasonable Terms.

To be SOLD,

FOUR Lots in the City of *Annapolis*, numbered 92, 93, 104, 105: The said Lots form a Square, one Side whereof is bounded by *Prince George's* Street, opposite to Mr. *John Brice's*. For Terms, enquire of Mr. *John Bordley* of *Chester-Town* in *Kent* County, or of the Subscriber in *Annapolis*.

MATTHIAS RORPEBY.